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FOR SENATOR KENNEDY FROM CHARGE

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TAGS: OREP (KENNEDY, EDWARD M)

SUBJ: CODEL KENNEDY

REF: TEL AVIV 3274

1. HAVE CONFIRMED WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE FOLLOWING GUEST LIST FOR DINNER EVENING MAY 30:
A) SENATOR KENNEDY AND ALL MEMBERS OF FAMILY INCLUDING MISSES KENNEDY AND LAWFORD;
MR HUNTER; B) MINISTERS OF DEFENSE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; TWO KNESSET MEMBERS, INCLUDING ONE FROM OPPOSITION; MANAGING EDITORS OF TWO ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS; ALL AFOREMENTIONED ISRAELIS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES,
C) JOSEPH ALSOP; AND CHARGE VELIOTES.

2. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, YOUR PREFERENCE FOR PRIVATE WORKING DINNER EVIDENTLY BECAME GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION BETWEEN ISRAELI EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM. AT THIS POINT, UNLESS YOU SPECIFICALLY REQUEST, I DO NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST THAT PRIME MINISTER REVOKE INVITATIONS TO INFLUENTIAL LOCAL JOURNALISTS AND THEIR WIVES OR WIVES OF HIS SENIOR CABINET

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COLLEAGUES, ALL OF WHOM ARE UNDOUBTEDLY LOOKING

FORWARD TO DINNER WITH YOU. I DOUBT IF
RABIN WOULD DO THIS EVEN IF WE REQUESTED.
(SHOULD NOTE THAT EDITORS INVITED REPRESENT
HEBREW DAILIES WITH WIDEST CIRCULATIONS IN
ISRAEL).

3. I AM, OF COURSE, REPARED TO DISINVITE MYSELF,
SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF
TYPE OF AFFAIR ISRAELIS HAVE PLANNED, I DON'T
THINK THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND US CHARGE OPTING
OUT OF THIS FUNCTION IN HONOR OF IMPORTANT
AMERICAN PUBLIC FIGURE.

4. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, PERHAPS BEST WAY TO
HANDLE THIS IS TO TELL PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE THAT DURING COURSE OF EVENING YOU ARE
LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRIVATE DISCUSSION (PERHAPS
AFTER DINNER) WITH HIM AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF YOU CONCUR WITH
SUGGESTION IN PARA 4. (UNLESS WE HEAR EARLIER, WE WILL
EXPECT JAMES KING TO INFORM US ON ARRIVAL.)
VELIOTES

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